

This brochure is designed to inform you about Illegal dumping and the City Abatement Program, and its compliance with the Indianapolis/Marion County Revised Code.

## DID YOU KNOW?

1. Illegal dumping is a punishable offense. If you witness illegal dumping, please call and report it through the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4MAC (4622) or the RequestIndy app available for smartphones. Please include as much information as possible, such as details about the vehicle, license plate number, and any descriptions of the person(s) dumping can help in finding and fining the violator(s).
2. The Department of Code Enforcement employs environmental inspectors who conduct investigations into illegal dumpsites. The inspectors work to find connections to the site and those responsible for dumping. Persons who dump trash and debris illegally can face civil prosecution and a fine of up to \$2,500 if convicted.
3. If materials are illegally dumped, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the materials or sign an affidavit stating the materials were illegally dumped. If the affidavit is signed, clean-up will be provided at no cost. If the materials are not removed or the affidavit is not signed, the property owner will be charged for the abatement and waste disposal costs.
4. If you have a continuous problem with illegal dumping in your area, you can request a NO Dumping sign through the Mayor's Action Center.

## Department of Code Enforcement

Driving public safety and improving quality of life in the City of Indianapolis / Marion County through the strategic application of civil code regulation, and the efficient and effective administration of:

- PERMITS
- LICENSES
- INSPECTIONS

For a complete list of services and resources, visit us online, in person or give us a call!

### LOBBY HOURS:

Mon, Tue, & Thu: 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Wed: 12:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Fri: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Sun & Holidays: Closed

Questions regarding case history, permits, reports and enforcement? Visit the Citizen Access Portal [Indy.gov/dce/research](http://Indy.gov/dce/research).



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To report an ordinance violation or neighborhood concern:

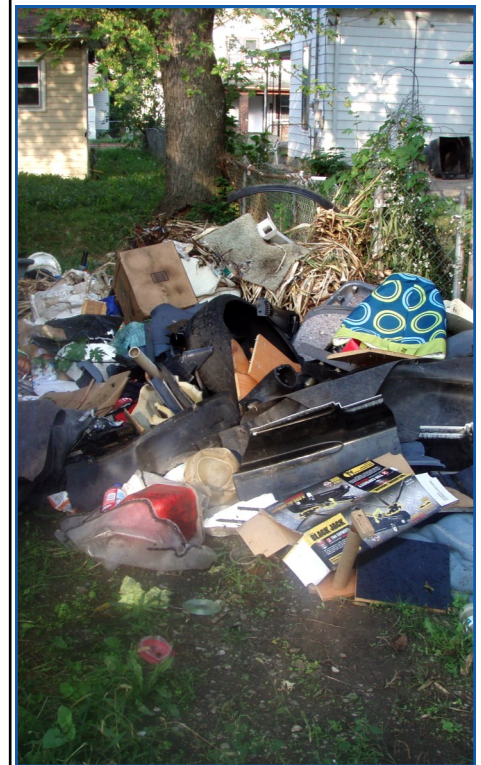
By Phone: [\(317\) 327-4MAC \(4622\)](tel:3173274622)

Go Online: [Indy.gov/RequestIndy](http://Indy.gov/RequestIndy)

Mobile App: [RequestIndy](#) (iPhone/Android)



# ILLEGAL DUMPING



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## WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Illegal dumping is any unwanted item dumped without permission on either private or public property. Illegal dumping threatens human health and the environment. It imposes significant costs on communities, and has an adverse effect on the quality of life. Illegal dumping is an issue the Department of Code Enforcement, the Department of Public Works, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the Marion County Public Health Department are continually working to eliminate in the city.

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## GET INVOLVED WITH CITY PROGRAMS

### City Abatement Program

Citizens can report illegal dumping and trash to the Mayor's Action Center. DCE will then inspect the location in an attempt to identify who dumped the materials. If the dumping occurred on private property, an affidavit and notification letter will be mailed to the property owner. The property owner will have 10 days to remove the trash or sign the affidavit stating the trash was illegally dumped. If an affidavit is signed, a city-contracted vendor will provide cleanup at no cost to the property owner. If an affidavit is not signed or the property owner fails to clean up the trash, a city contractor will clean up the site and the property owner will be charged waste disposal costs and \$388 for the abatement. If the dumping occurred on public property, the location will be referred to Department of Public Works for cleanup.

### Neighborhood Program

As part of the nation-wide Great American Clean-up, DPW's solid waste services division partners with many neighborhoods and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) to take part in the Great Indy Clean-up. These neighborhood clean-up events give residents the opportunity to spruce up their own part of town while DPW assists in providing heavy-equipment and dumpsters. KIB's Great Indy Cleanup is an anti-litter program designed to combat heavy litter and debris accumulated in public spaces such as streets, alleys, greenspaces and waterways. You can coordinate a community cleanup any weekend from May through October. To request a community cleanup, contact KIB at [www.kibi.org](http://www.kibi.org).



## ALTERNATIVES TO ILLEGAL DUMPING

### Solid Waste Disposal

Trash is collected via DPW five days a week between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. To ensure proper pickup, place your trash in a proper container at the curb/alley before 7 a.m. If your home is serviced by DPW crews or a private contractor, heavy trash is collected on specific days. Residents also are encouraged to take advantage of the Marion County Citizens' Transfer Station at 2324 S. Belmont Ave. Residents can dispose of large amounts of household trash they would not be able to dispose through regular/heavy trash service. This service takes place Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per truck load or \$2 per car load. Vehicles can make two trips per day. Please note, no dual axles, trailers, permitted haulers or stake-bed trucks are allowed.

### Recycling

The City offers a free recycling program, where residents can drop off recyclable materials at any of the 27 drop-off sites around Marion County. For more information on this program, please call **(317) 327-2987**, or email [recycledropoff@indy.gov](mailto:recycledropoff@indy.gov). Curbside recycling is also offered to all single family residences. It is on a subscription basis and has a nominal monthly fee.

### Composting

The City participates in composting organic waste in various ways. Christmas trees are chipped every year to make mulch for IndyParks landscaping and each fall, leaves collected around the City are sent to South Side Composting and can be picked up for use by any Marion County resident.

**For more information on any of these services, including concerns/questions about trash pickup, please call the Mayor's Action Center at 327-4MAC (4622) or visit the Department of Public Works online at [www.indy.gov/DPW](http://www.indy.gov/DPW).**